Unemployment in metro cities

2085. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANOTSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment is growing at an alarming rate in the metro cities;

(b) if so, whether Government are planning to formulate any new policies to tackle the unemployment situation in all the metro cities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The data on unemployment in metro cities is not available either with the Planning Commission or with the office of the Registrar General of India. However, as per employment and unemployment rounds of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), the estimated number of workers on Current Daily Status basis has increased from 315.84 million in 1993-94 to 336.75 million in 1999-2000 and the number of unemployment has increased from 20.13 million in 1993-94 to 26.58 million in 1999-2000.

Tenth Five Year Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities. To create employment potential, the Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sector and sub-sectors for development: agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism information technology, financial sector, education and health.

Scheme for Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation

†2086. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government have formulated a new scheme for creation of urban employment and poverty alleviation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to implement the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is already implementing a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, named, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis, through the State Governments/UTs, with effect from 1.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied upto 9th Standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States.

Grant to State Government of Maharashtra

2087. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount given as grant by the Government to Maharashtra during the last three years for various projects;

(b) whether State Government of Maharashtra used this grant to the particular project or diverted this fund to the other project; and

(c) whether Maharashtra Government has timely submitted expenditure account to the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Ministry has released Rs. 2525.85 lakhs under Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) scheme,